

Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Ask yourself . . .

- ▶ **Is your neighborhood ready for a disaster?**
- ▶ **Can your neighborhood be self-sufficient for at least three days after a disaster?**
- ▶ **Who will fight fires, help the injured, and rescue trapped victims in your neighborhood if professional rescuers are not available?**

By definition, a disaster is an occurrence that overwhelms first responders and other government service providers. In the event of a significant disaster, public services cannot be delivered everywhere help is needed. Ordinary citizens can help if they know what to do. In support of Federal Homeland Security efforts Clark County Fire Agencies including Vancouver Fire Department, Fire Districts 3, 6, 11, 12, and North Country Emergency Services are offering a program to train individuals as members of our local Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). These volunteers work together to provide disaster relief at the neighborhood level. CERT curriculum for the initial training class consists of the following:

- Disaster Preparedness/Terrorism
- Disaster Fire Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations, Part I & II
- Light Search and Rescue Operations
- Disaster Psychology/Team Organization
- Disaster Exercise

The cost of the training is \$20. This includes the required uniform vest and safety helmet, as well as textbook and other materials. The recommendation is that citizens attend as a neighborhood team of three or more persons to maximize their effectiveness in a real disaster.

Two different training classes will be offered in order to accommodate different schedules - students may mix Tuesdays and Saturdays in order to attend all the training:

Class I

Tuesdays, October 7 - November 11, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Vancouver Fire Department - Station 88
6701 NE 147th Avenue

Disaster Exercise

Saturday, November 15, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Station 81 - 7110 NE 63rd Street

Class II

Saturdays, October 18 - November 1
10:00 am - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm.
Fire District 6 - Station 61
8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue

Disaster Exercise

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

For further information, visit the Clark Regional Emergency Services website at <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/emergency/cert>

For registration and questions, contact:

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